**Republic of the Philippines**
**Senate**
**Impeachment Court**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF VICE PRESIDENT SARA ZIMMERMAN DUTERTE** **Case No. 004-2026**

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## NOTICE OF PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

**TO : VICE PRESIDENT SARA ZIMMERMAN DUTERTE**
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**THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS**
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*Greetings:*

Please take notice that the **Pre-Trial Conference** for the Impeachment Trial of Vice President Sara Zimmerman Duterte is hereby scheduled to take place at **9:00 a.m. on June 18, 2026, Thursday,** at the **Sen. C.M. Recto Room, 2nd floor, Senate of the Philippines, Diokno Blvd., Pasay City** before the Secretary of the Senate as the Clerk of the Impeachment Court. The parties shall be notified of subsequent dates for the continuation of the pre-trial conference, if any.

The parties are directed to attend the Pre-Trial Conference personally or through counsel to consider and resolve the following:

1. Stipulation of facts and simplification of issues;
2. Marking of documentary or real evidence and waiver of objections or admissions on evidence;
3. Number and identification of witnesses;

4. Setting of trial dates;
5. The proposed sequence for the presentation of evidence and possible modification of the order of trial; and
6. Such other matters as will promote a fair and expeditious trial of the case.

To allow the parties and/or their counsel the widest freedom and latitude towards attaining the objectives of pre-trial, the Pre-Trial Conference proceedings shall not be open to the media or public.

The parties are required to file with the Clerk of the Impeachment Court and serve upon the adverse party their respective Pre-Trial Briefs via personal delivery or official electronic mail **no later than June 15, 2026**.

The Pre-Trial Brief must contain:

- A summary of admitted facts, proposed stipulations, and issues for resolution
- A list of documents or exhibits presently known and reasonably available to the party, stating their purpose
- A list of witnesses, presently known and reasonably available to the party, including the purpose of their intended testimonies. Pursuant to the *Rules of Procedure on Impeachment Trials*, the testimony of witnesses shall be taken upon oral examination in open court.
- A reservation of evidence not reasonably known or available during the pre-trial conference, provided that the identity of the witness or description of the documentary object evidence and the purpose of presentation shall be provided to the other party and the impeachment court at least three (3) days prior to their presentation.

For justifiable cause, including for reasons of safety and security, the parties may reserve disclosure of the names and details of their witnesses falling under said justifications until their presentation before the Impeachment Court. Reserved witnesses shall be included in the number of witnesses disclosed and the trial dates given to the parties.

Failure of any party to submit the Pre-Trial Brief on time, or to appear at the Pre-Trial Conference without a valid, legally justifiable reason, may result in the waiver of their right to introduce specific evidence or witnesses, or may prompt the Impeachment Court to proceed with the formulation of the Pre-Trial Order based solely on the records available.

**SO ORDERED.**

Issued this 9th day of June 2026 at Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

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**HON. SHERWIN T. GATCHALIAN**
Presiding Officer

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